

## How BLS handled the transition to the new 2010 occupational codes

BLS combines data from the six most recent survey panels. In 2010, there was a revision to the Standard Occupational Classification codes. For the 2010 OES estimates, the two most recent survey panels were collected based on the new 2010 SOC codes, while data for the four previous panels were collected based on the old 2000 SOC codes. For almost all occupations, either the 2010 occupation codes are unchanged from the old codes or codes from one period could be combined and matched directly to a single code in the other period.

In some cases, the 2010 code was used for the two most recent panels and the corresponding old codes were used for the previous four panels. Likewise, BLS sometimes used a combination of new codes that corresponded with an old code. If there was no way to combine old or new codes and make a direct correspondence, BLS made an attempt to satisfy OES customers' need for detailed occupational data by combining certain related old and new codes into a temporary "hybrid occupation." These hybrid occupations will be used temporarily by BLS for the purposes of the OES estimates only.

The table below outlines occupations in the current estimates that are based on data collected from a both old and new codes.

OES 2010 code	OES title	Combined 2000 and 2010 SOC codes <sup>1</sup>
11-9013	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	Combination of data collected for the 2010 SOC occupation 11-9013 Farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural managers and the 2000 SOC occupations 11-9011 Farm, ranch and other agricultural managers and 11-9012 Farmers and ranchers
13-1078	Human Resources, Training, and Labor Relations Specialists, All Other*	Combination of data collected for the 2010 SOC occupations 13-1071 Human Resources Specialists and 13-1075 Labor Relations Specialists and the 2000 SOC occupations 13-1071 Employment, Recruitment, and Placement Specialists and 13-1079 Human Resources, Training, and Labor Relations Specialists, All Other.
15-1150	Computer Support Specialists*	Combination of data collected for the 2010 SOC occupations 15-1151 Computer User Support Specialists and 15-1152 Computer Network Support Specialists and the 2000 SOC occupation 15-1041 Computer Support Specialists.
15-1179	Information Security Analysts, Web Developers, and Computer Network Architects*	Combination of data collected for the 2010 SOC occupations 15-1122 Information Security Analysts, 15-1134 Web Developers, 15-1143 Computer Network Architects and the 2000 SOC occupation 15-1081 Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts.
15-1799	Computer Occupations, All Other*	Combination of data collected for the 2010 SOC occupation 15-1199 Computer Occupations, All Other and the 2000 SOC occupation 15-1099 Computer Specialists, All Other.

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<b>21-1798</b>	Community and Social Service Specialists, All Other*	Combination of data collected for the 2010 SOC occupations 21-1094 Community Health Workers and 21-1099 Community and Social Service Specialists, All Other and the 2000 SOC occupation 21-1099 Community and Social Service Specialists, All Other.
<b>25-2041</b>	Special Education Teachers, Preschool, Kindergarten, and Elementary School*	Combination of data collected for the 2000 SOC occupation 25-2041 Special education teachers, preschool, kindergarten, and elementary school, and the 2010 SOC occupations 25-2051 special education teachers preschool, and 25-2052 special education teachers, kindergarten and elementary.
<b>25-3999</b>	Teachers and Instructors, All Other*	Combination of data collected for the 2000 SOC occupation 25-3099 Teachers and instructors, all other; the 2010 SOC occupations 25-2059 Special education teachers, all other, 25-3099 Teachers and instructors, all other, and the 2010 OES occupation substitute teachers.
<b>29-1111</b>	Registered Nurses*	Combination of data collected for the 2000 SOC occupation 29-1111 registered nurses; and the 2010 occupations 29-1141 Registered nurses, 29-1151 nurse anesthetists, 29-1161 nurse midwives, and 29-1171 nurse practitioners.
<b>29-1129</b>	Therapists, All Other*	Combination of data collected for the 2010 SOC occupations 29-1128 Exercise Physiologists, 29-1129 Therapists, All Other and the 2000 SOC occupation 29-1129 Therapists, All Other.
<b>29-2037</b>	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians*	Combination of data collected for the 2010 SOC occupations 29-2034 Radiologic Technologists, 29-2035 Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists and the 2000 SOC occupation 29-2034 Radiologic Technologists and Technicians.
<b>29-2799</b>	Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other*	Combination of data collected for the 2010 SOC occupations 29-2057 Ophthalmic Medical Technicians, 29-2092 Hearing Aid Specialists, 29-2099 Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other and the 2000 SOC occupation 29-2099 Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other.
<b>29-9799</b>	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Workers, All Other*	Combination of data collected for the 2010 SOC occupations 29-9092 Genetic Counselors, 29-9099 Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Workers, All Other and the 2000 SOC occupation 29-9099 Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Workers, All Other.
<b>31-1012</b>	Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants*	Combination of data collected for the 2000 SOC occupation 31-1012 Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants, and the 2010 SOC occupations 31-1014 nursing aides and 31-1015 orderlies
<b>31-9799</b>	Healthcare Support Workers, All Other*	Combination of data collected for the 2010 SOC occupations 31-9097 Phlebotomists, 31-9099 Healthcare Support Workers, All Other and the 2000 SOC occupation 31-9099 Healthcare Support Workers, All Other.

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<b>39-4831</b>	Funeral Service Managers, Directors, Morticians, and Undertakers	Combination of data collected for the 2010 SOC occupations 11-9061 Funeral Service Managers, 39-4031 Morticians, Undertakers and Funeral Directors and the 2000 SOC occupation 11-9061 Funeral Directors.
<b>41-9799</b>	Sales and Related Workers, All Other*	Combination of data collected for the 2010 SOC occupations 13-1131 Fundraisers, 41-9099 Sales and Related Workers, All Other and the 2000 SOC occupation 41-9099 Sales and Related Workers, All Other.
<b>43-9799</b>	Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other*	Combination of data collected for the 2010 SOC occupations 43-3099 Financial Clerks, All Other, 43-9199 Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other and the 2000 SOC occupation 43-9199 Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other.
<b>47-4799</b>	Construction and Related Workers, All Other*	Combination of data collected for the 2010 SOC occupations 47-2231 Solar Photovoltaic Installers, 47-4099 Construction and Related Workers, All Other and the 2000 SOC occupation 47-4099 Construction and Related Workers, All Other.
<b>49-9799</b>	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers, All Other*	Combination of data collected for the 2010 SOC occupations 49-9081 Wind Turbine Service Technicians, 49-9099 Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers, All Other and the 2000 SOC occupation 49-9099 Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers, All Other.
<b>51-9151</b>	Photographic Process Workers and Processing Machine Operators	Combination of data collected for the 2010 SOC occupation 51-9151 Photographic Process Workers and Processing Machine Operators, and the 2000 SOC occupations 51-9131 Photographic process workers, and 51-9132 Photographic processing machine operators
<b>51-9399</b>	Production Workers, All Other*	Combination of data collected for the 2010 SOC occupations 51-3099 Food Processing Workers, All Other, 51-9199 Production Workers, All Other and the 2000 SOC occupation 51-9199 Production Workers, All Other.
<b>* Occupation titles followed by * have the same title, but not necessarily the same content as 2010 SOC occupations.</b>		

<sup>1</sup>2010 SOC codes were used for the two most recent panels; 2000 SOC codes were used for the previous four panels

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